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TAGS: EAGR, ETRD, EEC

SUBJECT: EC POULTRY SUBSIDIES

REF: (A) BONN 8660 (B) STATE 112187

1. REPORT IN REF. A ON AN ALLEGED INFORMAL U.S.-EC AGREE-

MENT IN THE LATE 1960'S ON DEVELOPMENT OF WORLD POULTRY MARKETS PROMPTED US TO THOROUGHLY REVIEW FILES GOING BACK TO 1962 ON U.S.-EC POULTRY DISCUSSIONS. THIS REVIEW INDICATES THAT GERMAN ALLEGATIONS ARE UNFOUNDED AND THAT NO SUCH AGREEMENT EVER EXISTED.

2. THE RECORD SHOWS THAT NUMEROUS DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND EC IN THE LATE 1960'S ON POULTRY EXPORT SUBSIDIES. IN THESE DISCUSSIONS, THE U.S. CONTINUALLY PROPOSED AN AGREEMENT AMONG EXPORTING COUNTRIES TO ELIMINATE OR LIMIT POULTRY EXPORT SUBSIDIES. THE EC, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT AGREE TO SUCH PROPOSALS.

3. IN JANUARY 1971 THE U.S. TRIED AGAIN TO NEGOTIATE A SUBSIDY AGREEMENT, PROPOSING TO THE COMMISSION AN ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH THE U.S. WOULD ELIMINATE ITS SUBSIDY PROGRAM FOR EUROPE (GREECE AND SWITZERLAND) IN EXCHANGE FOR A COMMITMENT FROM THE EC TO SUBSIDIZE ONLY TO EUROPE. THE EC

MADE A COUNTER OFFER: IF THE U.S. WOULD GIVE UP ITS SUBSIDIES, THE EC WOULD LIMIT SUBSIDY LEVELS ON EXPORTS TO THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE (EXCEPT CUBA), OCEANIA, AND ASIA EAST OF THE PERSIAN GULF. THE U.S. INDICATED THAT IT COULD AGREE TO AN ARRANGEMENT IN WHICH SUBSIDIZED U.S. EXPORTS WOULD NOT COMPETE WITH EC EXPORTS TO EUROPE, AFRICA, CUBA, ISRAEL, TURKEY, LEBANON AND SYRIA IF EC SUBSIDIZED EXPORTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD NOT COMPETE WITH U.S. EXPORTS ELSEWHERE (AND PROVIDING AN ARRANGEMENT COULD BE WORKED OUT FOR DENMARK) BUT THAT THE EC FORMULA FOR LIMITING ITS SUBSIDY LEVELS WAS UNSATISFACTORY. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS FAILED TO RESOLVE THIS LATTER ISSUE AND THE ARRANGEMENT WAS NOT IMPLEMENTED.

4. THE U.S. TERMINATED ITS POULTRY EXPORT SUBSIDY PROGRAM IN JANUARY 1973. THE EC HAS CONTINUED TO SUBSIDIZE BUT HAS OFFICIALLY PLACED LIMITS ON DESTINATIONS. WE HAVE RECENTLY URGED THE COMMISSION NOT TO EXTEND THE COVERAGE OF THE SUBSIDIES TO ADDITIONAL DESTINATIONS (REF. B).

5. WE REQUEST THAT YOU CONVEY ABOVE INFORMATION ON HISTORY OF SUBSIDY ISSUE TO GERMAN CONTACTS. VANCE

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